Metro Rail for Rajasthan cities

†2234. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start Metro Rail services in two main cities of Rajasthan, namely Jaipur and Jodhpur;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary survey has been carried out in these cities; and

(c) if not, whether Government is contemplating any such scheme in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) No, Sir. Government of India has not initiated any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present no metro rail project is under consideration for Jaipur cities in Rajasthan.

Study of BRT projects

†2235. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities for which Government has conducted study to launch BRT projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted a comparative study on the advantages and disadvantages of BRT as it has been opposed to in most of the cities and it has been a failure; and

(d) whether Government proposes to continue it in future and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) to (d) The concerned State Governments/Urban Local Bodies carry out studies for Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects for their cities and submit Detailed Project Reports to the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India for sanction of their projects under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Since urban transport is primarily a State subject, it is for the concerned State Government to carry out the required studies for their project proposals.

BRTS is an established mode of public transport successfully running in a number of countries world-wide for the last 30 years. Furthermore, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development in its 37th Report presented to the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha in December, 2008 has also recommended that considering its low cost, ease of implementation, wide area coverage, flexibility and overall sustainability, this system should be encouraged. As such, no further study on this particular aspect is contemplated.

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